

(2) The terms “public building” and “Federal agency” have the same meaning as is given them in this chapter.

(3) The term “unit of general local government” means any city, county, town, parish, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of a State.

(4) The term “historical, architectural, or cultural significance” includes, but is not limited to, buildings listed or eligible to be listed on the National Register established under section 470a of title 16.

(5) The term “commercial activities” includes, but is not limited to, the operations of restaurants, food stores, craft stores, dry goods stores, financial institutions, and display facilities.

(6) The term “cultural activities” includes, but is not limited to, film, dramatic, dance, and musical presentations, and fine art exhibits, whether or not such activities are intended to make a profit.

(7) The term “educational activities” includes, but is not limited to, the operations of libraries, schools, day care centers, laboratories, and lecture and demonstration facilities.

(8) The term “recreational activities” includes, but is not limited to, the operations of gymnasiums and related facilities.

(Pub. L. 94-541, title I, §105, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2507.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This title, referred to in introductory text, means title I of Pub. L. 94-541, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2505, the Public Buildings Cooperative Use Act of 1976, which enacted sections 601a and 612a and amended sections 490, 606, and 611 of this title.

This chapter, referred to in par. (2), was in the original “the Public Buildings Act of 1959”, meaning Pub. L. 86-249. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 601 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Public Buildings Cooperative Use Act of 1976, and not as part of the Public Buildings Act of 1959 which comprises this chapter.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 490, 611 of this title; title 31 section 782.

§ 613. Exemption of certain public buildings projects

This chapter shall not apply to the construction of any public building—

(1) for which an appropriation for construction is made out of the \$500,000 made available for construction of small public building projects outside the District of Columbia pursuant to the Public Buildings Act of May 25, 1926, as amended, in the third paragraph, or for which an appropriation is made in the fourth, sixth, seventh, and eighth paragraphs, under the heading “GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION” in title I of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1959,

(2) which is a project referred to in the first proviso of the fifth paragraph under the heading “GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION” in title I of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1959,

(3) for which an appropriation for direct construction by an executive agency other than the

General Services Administration of a specified public building has been made before September 9, 1959,

(4) within the purview of section 1252(c)¹ of title 8 or section 68 of title 19.

(Pub. L. 86-249, §14, Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 483.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Public Buildings Act of May 25, 1926, referred to in par. (1), is act May 25, 1926, ch. 380, 44 Stat. 630, as amended, which enacted sections 341, 342, 343 to 345a, 346, and 347 of this title, which were repealed or eliminated by Pub. L. 86-249 which enacted this chapter.

Title I of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1959, referred to in pars. (1) and (2), is title I of Pub. L. 85-844, Aug. 28, 1958, 72 Stat. 1063. The fourth through eighth paragraphs under the heading “General Services Administration”, which appear at 72 Stat. 1067, are not classified to the Code, except for the first proviso of the fifth paragraph which is set out as a note under section 356 of this title.

Section 1252 of title 8, referred to in par. (4), was amended generally by Pub. L. 104-208, div. C, title III, §306(a)(2), Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-607, and, as so amended, subsec. (c) relates to requirements for petitions for review or for habeas corpus and not to public buildings. Provisions similar to those contained in former section 1252(c) are now contained in section 1231(g) of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality.

§ 614. Delegation of authority

The performance, in accordance with standards established by the Administrator of General Services, of the responsibilities and authorities vested in him under this chapter shall, except for the authority contained in section 603 of this title, upon request, be delegated to the appropriate executive agency where the estimated cost of the project does not exceed \$100,000, and may be delegated to the appropriate executive agency where the Administrator determines that such delegation will promote efficiency and economy. No delegation of responsibility or authority made under this section shall exempt the person to whom such delegation is made, or the exercise of such responsibility or authority, from any other provision of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 86-249, §15, Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 483.)

§ 615. Leasing of buildings by and for General Services Administration; authority of Postal Service

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit or repeal—

(1) existing authorizations for the leasing of buildings by and for the General Services Administration; or

(2) the authority conferred by law on the United States Postal Service.

(Pub. L. 86-249, §16, Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 483; Pub. L. 91-375, §6(m)(3), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 782.)

AMENDMENTS

1970—Pub. L. 91-375 struck out “contained” after “Nothing” and “use of the” and “or the Post Office Department” before and after “General Services Administration” in cl. (1), and substituted in cl. (1) “; or” for “; or” and as cl. (2) “the authority conferred by law on

¹ See References in Text note below.

the United States Postal Service” for “the authorization for the improvement of public buildings contained in title III of the Act entitled ‘An Act to establish a postal policy, to adjust postal rates, to adjust the compensation of postal employees, and for other purposes’, approved May 27, 1958 (72 Stat. 134).”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1970 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-375 effective within 1 year after Aug. 12, 1970, on date established therefor by the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service and published by it in the Federal Register, see section 15(a) of Pub. L. 91-375, set out as an Effective Date note preceding section 101 of Title 39, Postal Service.

§ 616. Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Bicentennial Civic Center

(a) Development, construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities for conventions, exhibitions, meetings, and other social, cultural, and business activities; location

In order to provide for the District of Columbia facilities for the holding of conventions, exhibitions, meetings, and other social, cultural, and business activities, the Mayor of the District of Columbia (hereinafter, “Mayor”) is authorized to provide for the development, construction, operation, and maintenance of the civic center to be designated as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Bicentennial Civic Center on a site in the Northwest section of the District of Columbia within an area bounded by Eighth Street, H Street, Tenth Street, New York Avenue, and K Street.

(b) Plan, design, and costs of civic center; administrative approval and review; filing plats showing opening, extension, widening, or closing of streets, roads, highways, and alleys

(1) Such civic center shall be in accordance with a plan, indicating the design and estimated costs, approved by the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia, and approved by the National Capital Planning Commission pursuant to section 71d of this title and section 16 of the Act approved June 20, 1938 [D.C. Code, § 5-432], and reviewed by the Commissioner of Fine Arts to the extent required by section 1 of the Act approved May 16, 1930 [D.C. Code, § 5-410].

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12 of the District of Columbia Redevelopment Act of 1945, as amended [D.C. Code, § 5-811], the urban renewal plan, approved pursuant to section 6(b)(2) of such Act [D.C. Code, § 5-805(b)(2)], for an urban renewal area in which the civic center is located shall be deemed to be modified by the plan approved pursuant to this subsection and the National Capital Planning Commission shall certify such urban renewal plan, as modified, to the District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency.

(3) In the development of the civic center in accordance with the plan approved pursuant to this subsection, the Mayor, notwithstanding any other provision of law, may open, extend, widen, or close any street, road, highway, or alley, or part thereof, by the filing of a plat or plats in the Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia showing such opening, extension, widening, or closing.

(c) Land acquisition

The Mayor shall acquire by purchase, gift, condemnation, or otherwise, all real property necessary to provide for the civic center.

(d) Contract authority; leases: term, nominal rental; purchase contracts: payment term, vesting of title in the District of Columbia, application of installment payments to purchase price, provisions securing performance of obligations, amortization, interest rate, reimbursement of contractors for certain costs, and Congressional committee approval of design, plans, and specifications

(1) The Mayor is authorized to enter into purchase contracts, including negotiated contracts, for the financing, design, construction, and maintenance of the civic center. The Mayor is further authorized to lease the site described in subsection (a) of this section at a nominal rental for a period of not more than thirty-five years. The payment term of said purchase contracts shall not be more than thirty years from the date of acceptance of the civic center and such purchase contracts shall provide that title to the civic center shall vest in the District of Columbia at or before the expiration of the contract term and upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions stipulated in the purchase contracts. Such terms and conditions shall include provision for the application to the purchase price agreed upon therein of installment payments made thereunder.

(2) Such purchase contracts shall include such provisions as the Mayor, in his discretion, shall deem to be in the best interest of the District of Columbia and appropriate to secure the performance of the obligations imposed upon the party or parties that shall enter into such agreement with the Mayor. The purchase contracts shall provide for payments to be made to—

(A) amortize the cost of site acquisition, including relocation payments required by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 [42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.], and such other moneys as may be advanced by the contractors to the District of Columbia;

(B) amortize the cost of construction of improvements to be constructed;

(C) provide a reasonable rate of interest on the outstanding principal as determined under subparagraphs (A) and (B) above; and

(D) reimburse the contractors for the cost of any other obligations required of them under the contract, including (but not limited to) payment of taxes, costs of carrying appropriate insurance, and costs of repair and maintenance if so required of the contractors.

(3) For the purpose of the purchase contracts provided by this subsection for the erection of the civic center, the Mayor is authorized to enter into agreements with any person, copartnership, corporation, or other public or private entity to effectuate any of the purposes of this subsection.

(4) No purchase contract for the construction of such civic center shall be entered into, pursuant to the authority of this section, until thirty legislative days following submittal to and approval by the Senate and House Committees for